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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. _____

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION congratulating Tony Stewart on winning the 2011 NASCAR Sprint Cup Championship.

Whereas, Throughout his career Tony Stewart has proven that he is truly a champion;

Whereas, Tony Stewart has once again snagged the golden ring, after overcoming several setbacks;

Whereas, Tony Stewart finished first in the Ford 400 at Homestead Miami Speedway to win the NASCAR Sprint Cup Championship in a tiebreaker over race runner-up Carl Edwards;

Whereas, The bonus points Tony received for winning his

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44th career race allowed him to make up the three point lead held by Carl Edwards;

Whereas, Tied with Edwards at the end of NASCAR's Chase for the Sprint Cup, Tony Stewart claimed the title with five victories this season to Carl Edward's one;

Whereas, Born in Columbus, Indiana, Tony Stewart grew up dreaming of racing in the Indianapolis 500;

Whereas, Tony Stewart accomplished this dream and established himself as one of the great names in racing;

Whereas, Tony Stewart began his career at age seven, racing go karts while his father, Nelson, acted as his car owner and crew chief;

Whereas, At eight years, old Tony Stewart won his first championship, a four cycle rookie junior class championship at the Columbus Fairgrounds;

Whereas, Tony Stewart went on to win the International Karting Federation Grand National championship and the World Karting Association National championship;

Whereas, In 1989, Tony Stewart moved from racing go karts to racing higher horsepower, open wheel machines;

Whereas, Tony Stewart was the United States Auto Club (USAC) Rookie of the Year in 1991, was fifth in the 1993 USAC standings after winning the Hut Hundred, and was the National Midget series champion in 1994;

Whereas, In 1995, Tony Stewart set the racing world on fire by winning the National Midget, Sprint, and Silver Crown titles all in the same year, which was a feat never before accomplished, and earned him a ride in the newly developed Indy Racing League and Rookie of the Year honors in 1996;

Whereas, Tony Stewart won an Indy Racing League championship in 1997 and gained success in his NASCAR career by competing in both the Indianapolis 500 and the



Coca-Cola 600 on the same day, driving more than 1,090 miles that day;

Whereas, Tony Stewart began the 1999 NASCAR season on a high note as he qualified in second place for the Daytona 500, his first Nextel Cup race before winning three races and being named NASCAR's Rookie of the Year;

Whereas, In 2002, Tony Stewart won the first of his NASCAR championships, repeating in 2005 with his second Nextel Cup title;

Whereas, Tony Stewart continues to amaze and astound racing fans everywhere; and

Whereas, A champion in sprint cars, Indy cars, and stock cars, Tony Stewart is an exceptional athlete who gives back to his community in many ways: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
2 congratulates Tony Stewart on winning the 2011 NASCAR Sprint Cup
3 Championship, wishes him continued success in the future, and thanks
4 him for the many charitable contributions he has made to his state and
5 his country.

6 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
7 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Tony Stewart.

